



TOM AMOSS

Born: November 17, 1961 in New Orleans

Resident: Louisville, Ky.

Family: Wife, Colleen; daughters Ashley and Haley.

The articulate, ambitious and accomplished Tom Amoss is part of a new generation of Thoroughbred trainers. The native of New Orleans and marketing graduate of Louisiana State University made his early success on Louisiana racetracks but didn't hesitate to move onto the bigger national stage when he felt the time was right.



His home base is two-pronged: New Orleans and Louisville, his home tracks Fair Grounds and Churchill Downs. His outlook is not the down-home style that seemed to be the norm among Louisiana horsemen. Rather, he sees racing as a big city boy's business now, with education and social graces being rewarded handsomely, in executive fashion.

Amoss has cut a broad swath across the racing landscape, picking up leading trainer titles from Fair Grounds to Presque Isle Downs to Churchill Downs, Kentucky Downs and Ellis Park.

He was inducted into Fair Grounds Hall of Fame in 1999.

Amoss posted his 2,000th victory on April 29, 2008 when Cat Splendor won at Churchill Downs. He had won his 1,000th in 2000 at Fair Grounds, thus making each of his home tracks figuring in his historic rise. In 2009, his stable posted purse earnings of \$3,567,319 and did it by winning at a 27 percent clip.

After leaving the Fair Grounds meeting, Amoss splits his 50-horse stable between Churchill Downs and Arlington Park for the summer and early fall.

Amoss has had one Kentucky Derby starter, finishing 15th with Lone Star Sky in 2003, and he's had six starters in the Breeders' Cup championships with the highest finishes being third in the 1999 and 2000 Distaff (now Ladies' Classic) with Heritage of Gold and a fourth by Rush Bay in the 2006 Turf. Heritage of

Gold was a \$2.3 million earner for Amoss, winning the Apple Blossom at Oaklawn and the Go for Wand at Saratoga, both Grade I events, in 2000.

Amoss got his start in the business by walking hots for Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg while still in high school. After finishing college, he joined the Frank Brothers stable and followed that up with a year as a veterinary assistant before returning to the racetrack as an assistant to Larry Robideaux and John Parisella, the latter in New York.

He opened his own public stable in 1987 at age 25. He saddled his first winner, Prize Dream, at Sportsman's Park in the Chicago area.

In addition to his on-track persona, Amoss also projects a keen-eyed ability to handicap races and an easy-going manner as he appears as a television racing analyst on ESPN and on TVG's "The Works" during Kentucky Derby Week and the week leading up the Breeders' Cup.